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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary prices were trending higher when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the Northeast, at least steady elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonally light to moderate. Food service was fair to good, mostly moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were sufficient for current needs, with some areas still hampered by winter weather conditions. In the parts structure, wings were tight. Breast items ranged adequate to ample. Other items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/01-01/06/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	49.00-53.00	48.00-55.00	51.35	26
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	47.00-49.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-61.00	47.50-64.00	60.80	78
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
576	58.15-62.75	61.36

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,025
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,029
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	661
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	7,565
WINGS	85.00	2,521

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WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady with trading reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings from local producers readily available, however out of state product adequate but difficult to obtain due to extreme winter weather effect on road conditions and slaughter operations. Retailer demand moderate to good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate to lighter than desired carryovers due to late deliveries. Wings remained strong with balance of parts about steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69, whole cut-up 129, leg quarters 69 (10# bag 390), thighs 88 (4# bag 268), drumsticks 88 (4# bag 268), whole legs 88, bone-in breasts 87, boneless breasts 169-399, cornish hens 99; Northern California - whole body 79, drumsticks 109-119, thighs 99-119, breasts 87, boneless breasts 249, cornish hens 199; Southern Arizona - leg quarters 79-89 (10# bag 390), drumsticks 69-99, thighs 69-99, boneless thighs 199-299, boneless breasts 299-389.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonally light to moderate, with some improvements noted for the long holiday weekend. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules varied, with some operations scheduled for Saturday, and most were taking down time Monday for the New Year's Day Holiday. In the parts structure, wings continued tight and were well cleared. Breast items ranged adequate to ample. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were higher from last Monday's majority. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of additional product were sufficient. Producers in Arkansas were slowly getting production back on line with Saturday schedules the norm, if weather permits. Movement into retail channels was fair at best and typical of demand preceding the holiday. Food service demand was mixed, mostly moderate. Deliveries from production areas continued to be irregular. Floor stocks were in balance with weights desirable. Parts trading was light overall, except wings were clearing well. Supplies of wings were extremely tight with the balance of items adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and about steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate as dealers cautiously assessed developments and secured product for most immediate needs. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to fairly good at times, best where winter weather stimulated additional consumer interest. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate, and boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Wings remained the best item and continued short of full needs. The balance of parts were more than sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair to moderate and continued to keep the bulk of seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned on Saturday. No plants reported any operations on Monday, New Years Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was firm and the probable affects of snow disrupting markets was of concern. In the parts complex, wings were no more than adequate. Other cuts were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		46-59
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		51.58
NO. OF BOXES		11,722
CUMULATIVE	12/25/00-12/29/00	50.87
	12/27/99-12/31/99	57.81
NO. OF BOXES	12/25/00-12/29/00	49,203
	12/27/99-12/31/99	38,873

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

DECEMBER 28, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DECEMBER 29, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	837	103.00-185.00	125-130	125.88	797	110.00-185.00	125-132	127.17	3,398	130.08
TENDERLOINS	168	135.00-190.00	135-140	147.67	163	135.00-190.00	135-145	148.06	842	159.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	123	59.00-64.50	59-62	60.79	123	59.00-66.00	59-62	62.09	412	60.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				110	39.00-45.00	-	41.50	351	43.26
LEGS	126	27.00-43.00	27-30	28.71	126	27.00-43.00	27-30	28.71	344	29.63
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	17.00-20.00	17-19	17.81	381	17.00-20.00	18-19	17.69	1,044	17.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	947	19.00-22.00	20-22	20.62	1,486	19.00-26.00	21-23	21.98	5,299	21.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	279	86.00-89.00	86-88	86.57	259	86.00-89.00	86-88	86.46	1,096	85.91
WINGS (CUT)	499	94.00-113.00	97-99	99.88	578	87.00-112.00	94-97	98.03	2,004	98.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				64	31.13
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				114	76.91

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 28, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

28.00 - 31.50

AVERAGE

29.41

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 29, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

28.00 - 32.50

AVERAGE

29.60

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

30.58

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest ranged fair to instances fairly good as dealers assessed needs entering the weekend and purchased accordingly. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate, although, not as burdensome as seen in earlier week trading. Boneless-skinless breasts were generally sufficient, and dark meat parts were usually available. Wings continued to see strong interest and remained short of full needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair, however, increasing activity was noted where inclement weather was a factor. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED B/F PRTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS/LB

DEC 28, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.72	812,920		115-120	121.67	773,670	121.31	2,625,710	
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.48	191,800		130-135	134.91	213,030	134.97	677,590	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	47-48	52.81	348,200		47-48	53.56	331,080	55.03	1,155,360	
BREAST - LINE RUN	47	47.20	225,000		47	48.15	154,600	47.41	808,200	
LEGS	33-34	35.52	213,800		33-34	35.43	373,760	35.77	1,047,960	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.15	486,869		20-21	19.25	817,640	20.27	1,932,989	
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.05	204,600		26-27	32.71	225,510	33.19	837,670	
THIGHS	30-31	34.64	213,240		30-31	33.92	136,198	32.81	669,318	
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.98	58,400		78-79	81.41	89,280	82.67	247,200	
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	92.59	346,600		86-87	93.69	383,270	91.94	1,288,950	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	105,680		10-12	12.07	111,680	12.02	365,520	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.64	96,600		35-40	39.56	121,200	39.64	399,720	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.81	131,400		65-70	69.98	164,560	69.87	561,280	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	12/29	12/28	12/27	12/26	WTS	12/27	12/26	WTS
ALA	4,705	3,951	3,929	2,492	5.14	5.04	3,276	5.06
ARK	8,271	4,352	783	768	5.47	4.37	N/A	4.94
DELMARVA	2,663	2,376	2,393	2,197	4.99	5.04	2,043	4.92
KY-LA-TN	2,366	1,982	1,946	1,489	4.60	4.78	1,933	4.51
MISS	3,568	2,834	2,682	3,016	5.17	5.15	2,349	4.94
NC	3,870	2,657	2,663	2,059	6.01	6.01	2,648	5.73
TEXAS	3,814	2,335	2,276	1,681	5.01	5.14	2,330	5.02
TOTAL	29,257	20,487	16,672	13,702	5.20	5.18	14,579	5.03
MON-FRI	84,365(A)						94,980(A)	

N/A Not available

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29 & 30-Dec-00 is estimated to be 43,772,000 up 40.42 percent from a week ago and up 490.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,173,000; last year 7,415,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Dec-00 is estimated to be 116,833,000 head down 21.2 percent from a week ago, and down 8.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 148,274,000 Last year 127,584,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-106
ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	105-112
ICE PACK	112-119
DRY PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	94
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Dec 16, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	21,441	16,824	32,773
Avg Weight	3.74	4.76	6.31
% of total /1	30%	24%	46%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	26,937	25,366	42,883
Avg Weight	3.73	4.71	6.10
% of total /1	28%	27%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,748	28,792	37,819
Avg Weight	3.78	4.69	6.06
% of total /1	27%	32%	41%
To date/2000	1,622,337	1,621,461	2,022,632
To date/1999	1,582,296	1,536,394	2,026,932

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	148,274 (A)	1,364	1,176	2,540	545
AVG WT	5.14	3.96	7.09	5.41	6.39
LAST WEEK	148,530	1,900	1,202	3,102	566
YR AGO	117,493	1,694	1,052	2,746	456
AVG WT	5.05	3.48	7.67	5.05	6.38
TO-DATE/2000	7,820,313	95,642	72,963	168,605	23,196
TO-DATE/1999	7,659,252	105,174	72,767	177,941	22,565

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.1 million head or 8.8 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

*****NOTICE*****

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -

DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 26, 2000

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

*****DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, NO SALES WILL BE REPORTED FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2000.*****

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-67	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	73-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was good to very good. Sizes were desirable. Schedules were full-time to at times reduced due to winter storms and the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 25-DEC-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	12/30/00	12/23/00	% CHG	01/01/00	% CHG
NOVEMBER 18	150.7	144.4	104	5.06	
25	112.9	143.2	79	5.20	
DECEMBER 2	148.1	145.6	102	4.93	
9	153.6	148.2	104	5.17	
16	150.3	146.1	103	5.18	
23	150.1	141.3	106	5.14	
YEAR TO DATE	7917.7	7770.7	102		
DECEMBER 30		137.1			
JANUARY 6		139.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	12/30/00	12/23/00	% CHG	01/01/00	% CHG
Broilers	116,833	148,274*	-21	127,584*	-08
Cattle	557	647	-14	548*	+02
Hogs	1,652	1,873	-12	1,659*	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged on light canners, but values were still trending higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good, and trading was very limited with best interest still on short supplies of heavy canners. Offerings were adequate on light supplies of lights.

Undertone was at best steady on lights and fully steady on heavies. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u> <u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u>	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u> <u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u>
21-25 MAJORITY	32.5-40.5 MAJORITY 33.5-37.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u> <u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u>	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u> <u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u>
25-26 MAJORITY 25	34-39 MAJORITY

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for reduced processing schedules. Demand was light and unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for light hens for next weeks schedules. Sales were slowing post holiday. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were at least fully adequate for current slaughter needs with demand rated as mostly fair. Slaughter schedules continued mostly part-time for next week for the New Year's holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked reduced schedules. Offerings adequate.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Trading was still slow due in part to holiday schedules, weather conditions and short supplies of hatching eggs. Demand ranged from light to moderate for irregular offering. Processing plants were on holiday schedules even though some would still be running five days. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to short of trade requirements. The market tone was fully steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Current week schedules are hampered by late arrivals due to hazardous road conditions. Finished sales remained moderate with finished sales clearing supplies at unchanged to mostly higher prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	.25 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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